

## **SKAMANIA COUNTY Tobacco Use Statistics**

### **ADULTS**

#### **Adult Tobacco Use**

Information about reductions will be available in early 2003

- We do not have data (from BRFSS) to tell us how many Skamania County adults are smokers.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Quit Line**

- 29 people from Skamania County called the Quit Line last year.<sup>2</sup>

### **YOUTH**

#### **Current Cigarette Smoking**

New data will be available in early 2003

- Our most recent survey data showed:<sup>3</sup>
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 3.2% in Skamania County, and 4.0% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 11.9% in Skamania County, and 12.5% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade: 22.0% in Skamania County, and 19.8% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade: 28.8% in Skamania County, and 27.6% statewide, reported they currently smoke cigarettes.

### **PREGNANT WOMEN**

#### **Smoking During Pregnancy**

New data will be available in mid-2003

- About 24.1% of pregnant women in Skamania County smoke during pregnancy, compared to 12.6% statewide.<sup>4</sup>
- About 20 infants are born each year in Skamania County to mothers who smoke during pregnancy.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Data from the Department of Health Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) are collected using a statewide random sample of adults. Fewer than 50 adults were interviewed as part of the BRFSS in Skamania County during 1997-2001; therefore, we are unable to estimate the prevalence of smoking for the county from this survey.

<sup>2</sup> Data include counts of tobacco users, health care provider, and other callers seeking information from the Washington State Tobacco Quit Line between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2002, who identified themselves as being residents of Skamania County.

<sup>3</sup> Data for Douglas County were collected from youth who participated in the Tobacco-related Adolescent Behavior Survey (TABS) in Fall 2000. The margins of error for estimates in Skamania County are: 6<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 3.6\%$ ), 8<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 6.9\%$ ), 10<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 10.6\%$ ), and 12<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 12.3\%$ ). This means that the “true” population value (percent of current smokers) is somewhere in this range of the reported percentage, but may not be exactly equal to the reported percentage.

Data for Washington were collected as part of a statewide sample of youth for the WSSAHB in Fall 2000. The margins of error for estimates are: 6<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 0.7\%$ ), 8<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 1.1\%$ ), 10<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 1.5\%$ ), and 12<sup>th</sup> grade ( $\pm 2.0\%$ )

<sup>4</sup> Data are from 2001 Washington State Birth Certificates. The margin of error for Skamania County is ( $\pm 8.1\%$ ); the margin of error for Washington State is ( $\pm 0.2\%$ ). Women who answer ‘yes’ to the question “Did mother smoke at any time during pregnancy?” are classified as smokers. Health risk behaviors like smoking during pregnancy may be underreported due to growing social unacceptability of unhealthy behaviors during pregnancy.

<sup>5</sup> The number of infants born to mothers who smoke during pregnancy are calculated using an average of the births to mothers who report smoking on the Birth Certificate from 1999-2001. The estimate is rounded to the nearest factor of ten.